

10V-320 (4 pages)

July 7, 2010

Mr. Daniel C. Smith Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Noncompliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

On July 2, 2010 Wheego Electric Cars, Inc. ("Wheego") determined that a noncompliance with FMVSS 500 exists in all 2010 Wheego Whip LSV's and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on July 7, 2010.
- Wheego has assigned P573-0710 as an identification code to this recall.
- 1. The affected vehicles were manufactured by:

Wheego Electric Cars, Inc.

The following individual prepared this report and the agency should contact him with respect to this recall:

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2. The vehicles involved in the recall are:

Make: Wheego Model Years: 2010 Model: Whip LSV

Production Dates: January 2009 to July 2009

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VIN Range: Beginning:

1W9WL21B2AC485001

Ending:

1W9WL21B6AC485308

Vehicle Type: Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV)

Bodystyle: 2 seat, 2 door coupe

This recall includes every (100%) vehicle (308) that Wheego manufactured From January 1, 2009 to July 31st 2009.

3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance:

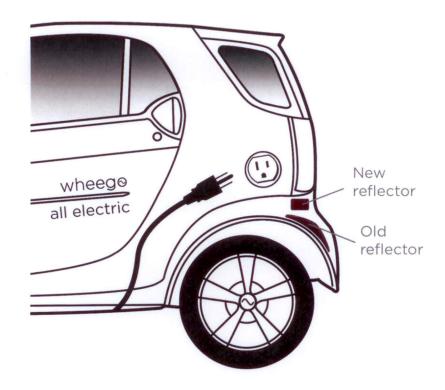
<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
Whip LSV	2010	308

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 308

4. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

Every Wheego Whip LSV was selected for the recall.

5. Required equipment for Low-speed vehicles include "Reflex reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear," (49 CFR 571.500 S5 (b)(5)). The reflex reflectors on the side and the rear of the vehicle may not have a sufficient reflective quality.





The reflex reflectors on the side and the rear of the vehicle may not provide adequate night-time visibility to another vehicle approaching the subject vehicles from the side or rear. There is no warning which can precede or occur.

## 6. Not applicable.

7. On July 2, 2010, Wheego was informed through email by a NHTSA employee that the NHTSA test lab had reexamined the reflex reflectors on a Wheego test vehicle and determined that the initial test results were incorrect and that the reflex reflectors may not be compliant. Wheego was also informed by NHTSA that the existing rear side reflex reflectors, which also acts as a stop lamp, could be a potential safety hazard and should be disconnected.

To date, Wheego has never had a report of an issue with the reflex reflectors from a dealer or owner. There has never been a report of an accident involving any Wheego vehicle.

8. Wheego will send instructions and 4 "stick on", Standard 108 compliant, reflex reflectors to all dealers and customers. Customers will be instructed where to place the replacement reflectors and how to disconnect the rear side lamps. The process should take approximately 5 minutes and can be performed by any adult without any technical knowledge whatsoever. Dealers will perform the same procedure on all unsold vehicles. Customers will be given the option to have a dealer perform the procedure without cost to the customer.

- 9. Wheego intends to conduct dealer and customer notification by mail immediately upon approval by NHTSA. Wheego does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall.
- 10. Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to NHTSA within five(5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:
  - Letter of dealer notification
  - Letter of customer notification
  - Instructions

A draft of these documents will be forthcoming for your review. If additional information is required, please contact Les Seagraves who can be reached by phone at (678) 904-4795 or by email les@wheego.net.

Sincerely,

Les Seagraves

VP Marketing and Legislative Counsel

Wheego Electric Cars, Inc.